GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103
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SALES TAX ON OIL SECTOR
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Hefty sales tax creates anomoly in Oil Sector` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 8, 2001;

(b) if so, the Government have received any representation from the Oil companies for reduction of sales tax on domestic sale of Naphtha and Furnace Oil which is 16 to 30 per cent as a result import has become much cheaper;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering to reduce sales tax on domestic sale of Naphtha and Furnace Oil; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) to (d): Sales tax is a State subject and administered by the respective State Governments.